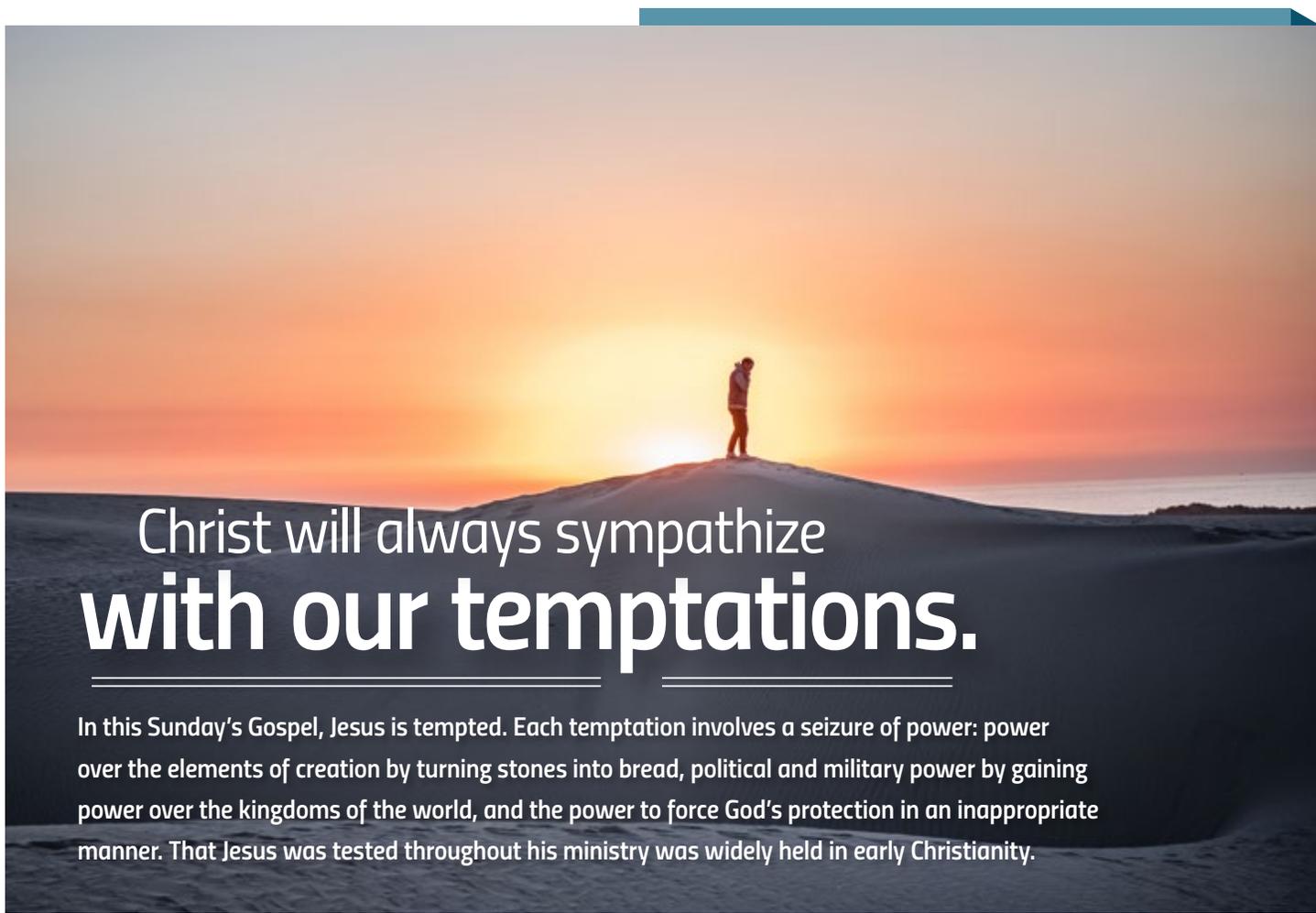




SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



Christ will always sympathize
with our temptations.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is tempted. Each temptation involves a seizure of power: power over the elements of creation by turning stones into bread, political and military power by gaining power over the kingdoms of the world, and the power to force God's protection in an inappropriate manner. That Jesus was tested throughout his ministry was widely held in early Christianity.



Readings: Lec 24

Reading Dt 26:4-10
Resp Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-15
Reading Rom 10:8-13
Gospel Lk 4:1-13



Weekly Offertory 2/27/2022

Offertory: \$13,558
2nd Collection: \$2,632
Capital Expense



Lunch n'Learn!

Please join us as we welcome the North Port Police Department to our next Lunch & learn on March 8th at 11:30am. They will be speaking on the subject of "Home & Community Safety".

If interested in attending please contact Patty Larker at 734-752-3358.

INTENTIONS

- Mon, Mar 7th 8:30am Andrew Milewski +
- Tues, Mar 8th 8:30am Ginger Hussey +
- Wed, Mar 9th 8:30am Michael Flaherty +
Lena & Andrew Sartori +
Catherine Luciani +
- Thur, Mar 10th 8:30am Carmella Spagnolo +
- Fri, Mar 11th 8:30am Carlo & Cleidith DeMambro +
- Sat, Mar 12th 8:30am Chad Ryan Ledford +
4pm Sheila Crowley 3rd Mem Anniv +
- Sun, Mar 13th 7:30am Florence Maloney +
James Tomasello +
Leo Martin, Jr. 1st Mem Anniv +
9am People of the Parish
10:45am Helen Gebhart BD Mem † & Stephanie Petrik BD Cel

SCHEDULE

Daily Rosary (Mon-Sat) 8:00am
See FULL Rosary schedule on page 7

Daily Liturgy (Mon-Sat) 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 2:00 pm

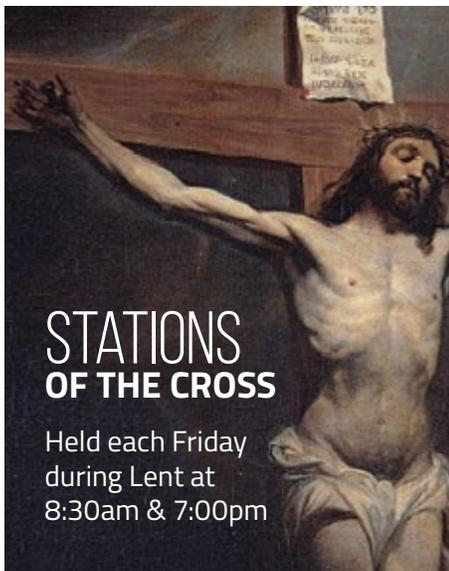
Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 7:30 | 9:00 | 10:45am
Rosary in the Grotto after 10:45 Mass

Holy Day Masses 7:30 & 9am, 7pm

Prayer Line Ministry: For your immediate prayer needs and petitions call Dolly at 941-240-5419. Anyone interested in praying for fellow parishioners & their families, please call.

San Pedro Catholic Church... The Key to the Future.

In contrast to some larger area churches, San Pedro stands out as an uncrowded, warm, and friendly parish providing a more intimate worship environment. **Our pastor is Reverend Patrick Organ.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Held each Friday during Lent at 8:30am & 7:00pm

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First Sunday of Lent: Luke 4:1-13

'Know yourself!' is an ancient piece of Greek wisdom. Do I know myself and my temptations? Am I a perfectionist, or lazy? Do I desire to get noticed and praised?



Pray on This

Lord, can I see my temptations as you did, against the backdrop of the vocation to which you call me?

Am I hoarding the gifts and talents God has given me instead of putting them at the service of others? Do I focus on the best in people, or get myself angry over their flaws? Do I love only those who love me? Have I a closed mind so that I miss out on the surprises and graces of each new situation? Do I judge others rather than try—as Ignatius suggests—to put a good interpretation on what they say or do? And so on. Where am I ignoring the grace God is offering me?

Jesus knows me better than I know myself: he loves me as I am. But he also works, often through others, to help me become aware of the ways I can spoil things. He wants to make me more compassionate and easier to get along with. I ask him, in the words of the liturgy, to help me grow in love.

In the wilderness Jesus did not engage with the devil's temptations. He simply quoted the Word of God in scripture. God's Word has power, even over the demons. Jesus' experience teaches us that there is nothing wrong with being tempted. It's how we react to the temptation that matters. A short prayer or a quote from God's Word will help us

let it go. For example: 'Lead me not into temptation' or 'I must forgive, not once but seventy times.

Lord, you told of these temptations to your disciples - how else would they have known? Can I put words on my own temptations, the weaknesses or wickedness that draw me in particular? Can I see my temptations as you did, against the backdrop of the vocation to which you call me?

Jesus, like Moses before him, retreats into the wilderness where he fasts for forty days. Each temptation involves a seizure of power: power over the elements of creation by turning stones into bread, political and military power by gaining power over the kingdoms of the world, and the power to force God's protection in an inappropriate manner. That Jesus was tested throughout his ministry was widely held in early Christianity. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us, "For do we not have a high priest (Jesus) who is unable to sympathise with out weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin."

Something to Think About

God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us. –St. Augustine

Life is a race. Don't whimper if the track is rough and the goal is distant. One day you shall reach it. – Joseph R. Sizoo

Be a life long or short, its completeness depends on what it was lived for. – David Jordan

Life is growth. Don't find fault if the seed lies smothered and submerged in the dark earth before it blooms and blossoms. One day you shall have your harvest. – Joseph R. Sizoo

Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking outward together in the same direction. – Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Of all the music that reaches farthest into heaven, it is the beating of a loving heart. – Henry Ward Beecher

God grant that not only the love of liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all nations of the earth, so that a philosopher may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say, "This is my country." – Benjamin Franklin

A Joke

The religious education students were asked to draw a picture of their favorite scene from the bible. One little boy presented the teacher with a drawing of a sports car with a bearded man in the front seat and a man and woman in the back.

"Now, just what bible story is this picture suppose to illustrate?" asked the puzzled teacher. "That," replied the boy, "is a picture of God driving Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden."



Offering a Mass

Offering Mass for a particular Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. A Mass offered to someone is for them to receive special graces. Masses are said for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance of someone deceased, or to honor the birthday or special anniversary for someone. If you'd like a Mass, please stop by or call the Parish Office at 941-426-2500 for available dates and times.



- Our office can also make arrangements with the Oblate Fathers for a perpetual Mass. For both, we will provide keepsake cards for you to send to whomever you choose.
- The stipend or offering signifies the sacrificial nature of giving something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

A stipend for a Mass Intention can range from \$10-\$20 per request. Contact the Parish Office to request.

Regulations on Fasting And Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, and Good Friday, April 15, 2022, are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat.

LENTEN INFO

Interested in learning more about Lenten observances? Search the terms on Google "Catholic Observer Refresher on Rules of Lent" for more info!

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is to continue until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as, the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.



Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Easter Flowers!

HONOR YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES ON EASTER SUNDAY

Monetary donations are now being accepted until April 3 for Easter Plants for the Altar. For additional information, please call Judith at 941-426-7976



ALTAR FLOWERS, BREAD & WINE.

Flowers are used during weekend Masses **outside of Lent and Advent** and remain present for daily Mass. Many dates are available for 2022. They're a way to bring joy to others while remember a loved one. The suggested offering is \$50.

Arrangements for the dedication of Altar Bread, Wine and Flowers are made by calling or stopping by the office Monday thru Friday, 9am-2pm. We are grateful for your generosity!



The gratitude goes to...

Altar Bread and Wine for March is **In Loving Memory of Catherine Shearer-White 2nd Mem. Anniv. By the Shearer Family**

JOIN OUR NEXT BIBLE STUDY...

NO GREATER LOVE

MARCH 14TH - APRIL 11TH | 5 WEEKS
6:30-8 PM IN THE FAITH FORMATION CENTER

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
CHRIST'S PASSION

Contact: Jackie McCoy for information and registration 206-963-6234.
Workbooks can be purchased through: ascensionpress.com/collection/no-greater-love or contact Jackie McCoy 206-963-6234

"This bible study is an excellent way to experience Lent and the Passion of Christ and see the Holy Land via Video lecture, bible study and group interaction. Come join us!"



FRANCISCAN AT HOME

The Department of Education with the Diocese of Venice in Florida has partnered with the Franciscan University to offer online classes in scripture, prayer, ethics, sacraments and youth ministry plus many more courses on Catholicism are available. Each parish in the Diocese of Venice sponsors an annual subscription for these great courses. Many chose to complete a certificate in catechesis or take courses to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Courses are offered online in English or Spanish. To set up an account, go to the Franciscan at Home website and find the Diocese of Venice as a partnering Diocese. Sign up and begin learning the Catholic Faith for no cost!! Please contact for more information, Anne Chrzan, Diocesan Director of Religious Education, at (941) 484-9543 or email: chrzan@dioceseofvenice.org

The Rosary for America

God hears the voices of his children. Let us storm heaven with prayer for our nation and for the world. The Rosary is a powerful prayer and this is the time to act. **Please come and pray with us every Sunday at 12 Noon after the 10:45 AM Mass inside the church.** Contact: Anthony (617) 320-1759.



2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS NOW OPEN

Mass Intentions

Contact Us

Please call (941) 426-2500 if you have trouble filling out the form or have special requests. We are more than happy to help you.

The Mass book for 2023 opens on Tuesday, March 8th. You can complete the attached form and place it in the offertory basket during the weekend Mass. You may also mail it in, or drop it in the black box outside the office. Phone-in requests will be accepted. We will be time stamping all requests up to March 8th, and then we will begin to process all requests. If there are conflicts, we will contact you by phone. Otherwise, consider your requested dates accepted. If you do not receive a receipt by April 15th, please call the office.

- Initially, and through April, you may only request up to 4 Masses.
- Until April 15th, Mass intentions are provided on a first come, first served basis.
- After the 15th we will return to the way we normally process intentions.

Send in the form below with a check made payable to San Pedro. The stipend is \$10 for each Mass



2022-2023 Mass Intention Requests

YOUR NAME: _____ YOUR CONTACT NUMBER: _____

YOUR COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

Where we will send the receipt.

NAME FOR MASS INTENTION PLEASE INDICATED (L) LIVING OR (D) DECEASED.

DAY

DATE

TIME

1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

WE CAN PRINT A MAXIMUM OF 30 CHARACTERS, INCLUDING SPACES

Check out Our New San Pedro Library!

OPEN TUESDAY AND THURSDAY. 9:00 AM-11:00 AM STARTING ON MARCH 22, 2022 IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER!

- Are you interested in learning about our Church's history?
- Have you yearned to know more about our Holy Mother Mary?
- Are you excited about theology?
- See the variety of Bibles and Catechisms in the San Pedro Library.



JOIN THE "WALK TO EMMAUS" Women's Retreat

Friday, Mar 11th (early PM) to Sunday, Mar 13th. OLPH Retreat Center in Venice. Hosted by Epiphany Cathedral Emmaus Retreat Team. This retreat is based on the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35 in which Jesus joins two disciples on their way to Emmaus. Contact Donna Vodratska at donna Vodratska@aol.com



Respect Life Ministry

Do you think we have a responsibility to help people in crisis with an unexpected pregnancy? Help that will enable them to carry their babies to term and birth? Help choosing life for their babies and resisting the pressures to abort? Pregnancy Solutions right here on Biscayne Blvd thinks so too. They do a great job helping women and girls (and the fathers) to choose life for their babies and a better and happier life for themselves. They need help right now. Will you volunteer to help them help others? Please contact Michelle Kossmann at 941-408-7100 or volunteer@pregnancysolutions.org or Deacon Rich at 941-412-4718.

THE ROSARY IN OUR DAILY LIVES



Daily Morning Rosary

Rosary is said every morning starting at 8AM before the 8:30AM Mass. [Intention for this Rosary is any private intention.](#) Also, we recite 15 decades of the Rosary after the Wednesday morning Mass.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Divine Mercy Chaplet is sung or recited every Tuesday after the 8:30AM Mass. AND at 3 PM on the 1st Friday of the month.

Peace for the World (Wednesday)

15 Decades of the Rosary after every morning Wednesday Mass

First Saturday Devotion

Rosary starts at 1PM outside at the Grotto of Our Lady. (In case of bad weather the Rosary will be held outside Chapel Doors under the roof).

[Confessions start at 2PM in the Chapel which is followed by Mass at 4PM.](#) The Saturday Devotion needs to be done on the five consecutive first Saturdays. For any questions, please call Ania at (941) 876-3826.

Intention of this devotion is to come under the protection of Our Holy Mother Mary.

12Noon Sunday Rosary for America

Rosary will be held every Sunday after the 10:45AM Mass inside the church. In the winter we might be outside by the Grotto of Our Lady. Please join us in this weekly Rosary and pray for God's mercy for America. Mother of Our Savior is waiting for you!

Prayer Line

[For any prayer intention please call Dolly at 941 240-5419.](#) **Prayer Warriors always needed.** As a Prayer Warrior you pray at your own time anywhere you are. We do not meet in a group. If you feel the call to pray for others, and in that way share your love with the world, please contact Dolly to join our wonderful team.